November 17, 2008

PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN NO. PA310-9-1

SUBJECT: LNU – Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) Annual Progress Report

Purpose: To request Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) information for the FPPA Annual Report.

Action By: December 3, 2008

Expiration Date: April 1, 2009

Explanation:
The Food Security Act of 1985 amended the FPPA to require the Department of Agriculture to make an annual report to Congress beginning January 1, 1987. The report addresses the following: (1) the effects of Federal programs, authorities, and administration activities with respect to the protection of farmland, and (2) the results of reviews of existing policies and procedures by Federal agencies to determine if provisions of the programs prevent the Federal Government from taking appropriate action to comply fully with FPPA. The Conservation Programs Manual, Title 440, Part 523, Section 523.02(D), advises the State Conservationist to make a fiscal year report to the Chief of NRCS in November of each year with regard to outlined items, including negative reports.

Complete the report on attached Form NRCS-CPA-2, "Evaluating Implementation of the Farmland Protection Policy Act" for any Form AD-1006's that were completed during the last fiscal year within the county. Instructions are provided on the form.

Please ascertain when completing Form NRCS-CPA-2 that the sum of D3 (Prime and Unique Farmland) and D4 (State and Local Farmland) equals D2 (Total Important Farmland). Moreover, D2 (Total Important Farmland) should not exceed D1 (Total Land).

Fax the completed NRCS- CPA-2 to Susan Hoffman by December 3, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed White, State Soil Scientist at (717) 237-2207.

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1 Enclosure (NRCS-CPA-2)

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